

## **Capitol Campus Design Advisory Committee**

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### **Extending Sid Snyder Avenue**

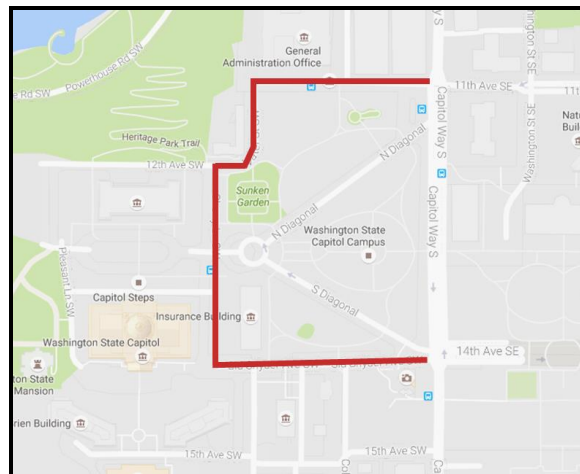
#### **Purpose: Information, Discussion and Feedback**

The purpose of the agenda item is to follow up on a proposal by Representative Sam Hunt to rename streets on the Capitol Campus. DES staff has researched the street renaming process and will provide information and comments regarding the proposal. Nathaniel Jones, Asset Manager, will present the agenda item.

### **Background**

Representative Hunt's proposal involves extending the existing Sid Snyder Avenue by renaming four streets on Capitol Campus:

- Cherry Lane (between the existing Sid Snyder Avenue and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue ),
- 12th Avenue (from Cherry Lane to Water Street),
- Water Street (north-south past the Conservatory) and
- 11th Ave (from Water Street to Capitol Way).



As proposed, the new name for the existing Sid Snyder Avenue and the newly designated street segments would be Sid Snyder Loop.

Research has shown that DES does not have an established process for renaming streets within the Capitol Campus. The last street name change was the 2006 re-naming 14th Avenue on the West Campus. This change was made by the Director after obtaining Olympia City Council approval and having informal involvement with the State Capitol Committee.

Communication with the City of Olympia Community Planning and Development Department (CP&D) indicates that they would require a letter from Director Liu informing the City of the changed name and a site map delineating the change. The City recommends that the State follow the Olympia Municipal Code chapter regarding Street designations (OMC 12.48.060, excerpt attached).

Thurston County Communications, known as TComm 9-1-1, maintains the Thurston County Master Street Address Guide. This emergency response organization is comprised of 26 public safety agencies. Many of the street names in common usage on the Capitol Campus are not represented in the current Master Street Address Guide. (For example Cherry Lane is identified as Water Street and Pleasant Lane is represented as Simmons Street.) Street names on the campus currently need to be coordinated with TComm 9-1-1, as would any new changes.

### **Status**

DES is currently developing a Capitol Campus street naming process. The draft process includes:

1. DES process-
  - a. Consult with the City of Olympia Community and Development Department,
  - b. Seek advice from the Capitol Campus Design Advisory Committee (CCDAC),
  - c. Receive direction from the State Capitol Committee, and
  - d. Inform Thurston County Communications of changes to road or street names on the State Capitol grounds.
2. City of Olympia implementation process-
  - a. Formal process with the City's Community and Development Department, initiated by DES, to update various city databases and notify the appropriate critical service providers (USPS, Fire, EMS, etc.)
  - b. No City Council action is required.

DES finds that the proposed street name changes present challenges:

1. Street navigation is confused by an individually route which tracks 90-degree turns through a series of intersections.
2. Navigation is confused where a continuous route changes names at the crossing of a major arterial, such as where 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue crosses Capitol Way.

DES seeks a motion from the CCDAC to advise the DES Director and the SCC on the proposal to:

- Extend Sid Snyder Avenue SW

### **Next Steps**

DES will seek the SCC's direction on extending Sid Snyder Avenue SW at their October 6, 2016 committee meeting.